The Center for Civil-Military Relations (CCMR) offers a one-week seminar entitled "A Comprehensive Approach to Operations" for nations that are interested in planning and conducting integrated operations in cooperation and coordination with relevant actors in an increasingly complex environment. The premise of the seminar is that the best practices derived from employment of a comprehensive approach to peacekeeping and humanitarian support missions should be adapted to multifaceted security challenges. Mechanisms for the application of comprehensive approach principles can support a broad range of multidimensional missions, which include maritime, energy, and cyber security.

A comprehensive approach to operations is based upon commonly understood principles and collaborative processes that enhance the likelihood of favorable and enduring outcomes within a particular situation. Use of a comprehensive approach has been a key element of international stabilization and reconstruction operations in the Balkans, Africa, and Afghanistan. Principles of a comprehensive approach can be applied to multidimensional missions, defined as those composed of a range of components, including military, civilian police, political affairs, rule of law, human rights, international commerce, and public information.

The Comprehensive Approach to Operations Seminar uses the manifestation of the idea of mobilizing the resources of an entire society to succeed in complex operations as the central tenet. The approach includes integration, in some manner, of military and civilian activities, including intergovernmental and nongovernmental organizations.

The key objectives of the seminar are to familiarize participants with:

1. The potential effects of application of a comprehensive approach to peacekeeping, stabilization, humanitarian support, and other missions.
2. Considerations for applying a comprehensive approach to operations in an increasingly complex environment, to include multidimensional missions related to maritime, energy, and cyber security.

The desired outcome of the seminar is that participants are able to:

1. Identify principles and mechanisms for use of a comprehensive approach in operations in complex operational environments.
2. Better understand the benefits, issues, considerations, risks, and costs of co-existence between military and civil components.

The delivery format combines informational presentations and case studies with scenario-based practical exercises in aspects of employment of a comprehensive approach to operations. Structured interactions between military officers and civilian counterparts in a group setting are the key elements of the seminar design.

Participants: The seminar is designed for international mid to senior military officers in the ranks of major to brigadier general and civilian equivalents from the Ministries of Defense, Foreign Affairs, Justice or members of other organizations who are responsible for security and policy, multinational cooperation, strategic planning, and multidimensional operations.

Faculty Teams: CCMR task-organizes each team in order to optimize the specific expertise requested by the ODC/SAO. Faculty teams for this very diverse program consist of proven subject-matter experts.
Translation: The seminar will be taught in English. Where necessary, the seminar will be delivered with simultaneous interpretation into the local language.

Cost: For planning and programming purposes, the estimated cost of the seminar will be IMET/FMF/FMS/CTFP—USD 60,000. Actual seminar cost will vary according to location and the educational requirements of the recipient country.